

With regard to a species election, Applicant hereby elects an anemia associated with a renal condition, (renal anemia) for initial examination. Accordingly, please withdraw claims 69-75 and 86-89 from consideration at the present time, and amend claim 68 as follows:

68. (Amended) The method of claim 66 wherein the anemic condition is an anemia associated with a renal condition.

REMARKS

The amendment modifies claim 68 to recite the elected species from the original Markush group of recited anemias as required by the Examiner in view of the species restriction within Group V. Claims 66-68 and 76-85 are therefore currently under consideration.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Response to Restriction Requirement. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

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68. (Amended) The method of claim 66 wherein the anemic condition is [selected from the group consisting of] an anemia associated with a renal condition [anemia, anemia of malignant disease, anemia associated with chemotherapy, anemia of chronic disease, anemia in AIDS, anemia of prematurity, anemia of thalasemia, anemia of autoimmune hemolytic disease, and aplastic anemia].

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